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IN THE CLAIMS:

\ Please amend Claims 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) [In a] A shaker instrument having a first part comprising a hollow shell with pellets therein said shell comprising a molded shell having a truncated end portion and a bottleneck extending from said end portion joined to a second part comprising an elongated handle [the improvement wherein said handle is] fabricated of flexible material permitting resilient bending of said handle, said handle having a recess for receiving said bottleneck and forming a closure for retaining said pellets in said shell.

\ Please cancel Claims 2-5.

\ Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein said shaker instrument has an exterior surface which forms a maraca having a bulbous end, and wherein said bulbous end comprises said first shell part and a portion of said second handle part.

\ Please add the following claims:

1. --13. An ornament for a key chain or key ring comprising a hollow shell